

# ENNISKEANE AND DESERTSERGES

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*Churches at Ahiohill, Castletown Kinneigh and Enniskeane*

*22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024*

## Christmas Mass Times

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve</b>	6:00pm Enniskeane 8:00pm Ahiohill
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day</b>	9:30am Castletown 11:30am Enniskeane
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen's Day</b>	10:00am Enniskeane
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	No Mass

## Christmas Message

As we approach our celebration of Christmas you will see that we have two Masses on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas Day as we had last year. All of you who are in regular contact with the parish are aware of the diminishing number of priests and their age profile. We are also all adjusting to working together as a 'Family of Parishes' with Innishannon, Murragh, Kilmurry, Kilbrittain and Bandon.

Each of the Church Communities in the 13 churches of this 'Family' are also trying to adjust. Bishop Fintan Gavin has been telling us of a process he plans to have during 2025 to 'listen', to 'reflect' and to 'plan' for this changing reality. In these uncertain times we continue to pray together, work together and trust in God together. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas.

Fr. Michael

## Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Closed  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Closed  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Closed  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Voicemail and emails will be checked intermittently while the Parish Office is closed.

## Clergy Income

The Christmas Day Offertory Collection is part of the priest's income for the year. Thank you for your generosity.

## Christmas Remembrance

We remember our deceased especially in November with the Novena of Masses for the faithful departed. They are also very much in our minds around Christmas time. This year in each of the three churches of the parish there will be a Book of Remembrance at the front of the church. You are invited to write in the names of those you want to include in the

Christmas Masses. This book will be brought to the altar with the gifts during the Christmas Mass.

## Parish Assembly

meeting in the Parish meeting room on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January @ 7.30pm. New members most welcome.

## Offertory Collection



December 15<sup>th</sup>: €2060

Thanks

## Weekly Envelopes

Many thanks to all the parishioner who use the weekly numbered envelopes for the church collections. The new sets for the next year are ready to be collected at the Parish Office and come into use in January. To avoid waste we are changing numbers so that we need to order less. When your new set arrives, it may have a new number for you. It is also a good time for anyone who has not been receiving a set of envelopes to request one now. Those that have been donating online can also request an envelope number. Please contact the parish office and a number and envelopes will be assigned to you confidentially.

## Holy Hour

There will be no Holy Hour in Enniskeane Church on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December. The next usual weekly Holy Hour will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 5pm.

## Regifting for SVP

Lots of people receive unwanted gifts (toys, clothes, biscuits or other non-perishable foodstuffs etc) for Christmas. You can bring these unwanted gifts (wrapped/unwrapped) to Mass on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January in Ahiohill or on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Castletown/ Enniskeane and leave the item under the Christmas trees before or after Mass. These items will be collected and donated to the St Vincent de Paul, Dunmanway.

## Castletown Ladies Club

will host Womens Little Christmas on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 in Castletown hall @ 7pm sharp. Please contact 086-3818486 before December 28th to book. Places limited. €30 per person.

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Mass times: September - June

Saturday: Ahiohill 7.30pm

Sunday: Castletown 10am

Enniskeane 11.30am

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